

To the FCC:

Please reject petition 04-160 as submitted by the National Association of Broadcasters. As it stands, this petition would limit my ability to access quality programming as provided to me by XM Satellite Radio.

I get a great benefit from listening to XM Satellite Radio and its traffic and weather channels. Satellite radio provides variety and quality that are not available elsewhere. My local stations play talk radio, which I detest, youth-oriented rock because this is a college town, and a poor selection of classical music on the local public station. My preferences range widely among classical, blues, classic rock, ethnic and other genres, not to mention up to the minute news and weather -- all of which are lacking in the "free" radio services offered to me in the local market. I gladly pay the approximately \$10 per month it takes to get the quality programming that XM gives me. In fact, I support two XM subscriptions -- one of which entertains my wife in her office.

Because I pay for these services I do not believe the National Association of Broadcasters should be allowed to dictate what I am permitted to hear. I believe I deserve better programming than Clear Channel or any of the other companies in "free" broadcast can deliver. If they can deliver better, they certainly have not made the effort as far as I'm concerned. Because they have not made the effort, I prefer to vote with my dollars in a free market manner and support the entrepreneurial and high-quality efforts of the good folks at XM Satellite Radio. Their on-air staff are knowledgeable, their playlists are extensive, and the reception quality is absolutely top-rate.

I worked for 23 years as a broadcast news reporter. I know the broadcast news business -- from commercial TV to public radio. I know quality when I hear it, and satellite radio is where that quality lives now. Allowing the NAB to proceed with this petition will lessen my choices, limit the quality of the airwaves, and have a chilling effect on the spirit that drives XM Satellite Radio to be the best.

Denying this petition raises the bar for the NAB, who have for too long taken for granted that their audiences would accept low quality without a complaint. Competition is good for the market. Please deny petition 04-160.

Thank you,

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